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Health Notice for District of Columbia Health Care Providers and Health Care Facility Staff

We are pleased to announce the availability of a new secure, electronic method to report cases of HIV, hepatitis B and C, and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), to the District of Columbia Department of Health.

All suspected and diagnosed cases of HIV, hepatitis B and C and STDs should be reported within 48 hours (District of Columbia Municipal Regulations Chapter 22-B2).

The case report form and guidance document for reporting HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis B and C, and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) can be accessed online:

https://dchealth.dc.gov/node/1194555

Case reporting for tuberculosis remains unchanged. The case report form for tuberculosis can be accessed online and should be submitted by fax:

https://dchealth.dc.gov/node/199582

Why report cases? We use the information in case reports for the following:

- To ensure treatment of those who have been affected
- To notify people who have been in contact with persons with communicable diseases (partner notification)
- To offer prevention strategies to those who have been exposed, such as PrEP (HIV preexposure prophylaxis)
- To prevent mother-to-child transmission of communicable diseases
- To develop focused strategies for disease prevention

Please contact us for more information:

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